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S. 985

To designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the “Larry Doby Post Office”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 1997

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. HOLLINGS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Larry Eugene Doby was born in Camden,
6 South Carolina, on December 12, 1923, and moved
7 to Paterson, New Jersey, in 1938.

8 (2) After playing the 1946 season in the Negro
9 League for the Newark Eagles, Larry Doby’s con-

1 tract was purchased by the Cleveland Indians of the
2 American League on July 3, 1947.

3 (3) On July 5, 1947, Larry Doby became the
4 first African-American to play in the American
5 League.

6 (4) Larry Doby played in the American League
7 for 13 years, appearing in 1,533 games and batting
8 .283, with 253 home runs and 969 runs batted in.

9 (5) Larry Doby was voted to 7 all-star teams,
10 led the American League in home runs twice, and
11 played in 2 World Series. He was the first African-
12 American to play in the World Series and to hit a
13 home run in a World Series game, both in 1948.

14 (6) Larry Doby was recognized for his remark-
15 able achievements in baseball with his induction into
16 the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987.

17 (7) After his stellar playing career ended, Larry
18 Doby continued to make a significant contribution to
19 his community. He has been a pioneer in the cause
20 of civil rights and has received honorary doctorate
21 degrees from Long Island University, Princeton Uni-
22 versity, and Fairfield University.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF LARRY DOBY POST OFFICE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The post office located at 194
3 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, shall be known and
4 designated as the “Larry Doby Post Office”.

5 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
6 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
7 States to the post office referred to in subsection (a) shall
8 be deemed to be a reference to the “Larry Doby Post Of-
9 fice”.

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